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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON GSA-PROPOSED TUNGSTEN DISPOSALS

1. DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTED FOLLOWING LETTER TO BOLIVIAN
AMBASSADOR CAPRILES ON MAY 6:

QUOTE. EXCELLENCY: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS UNDERTAKING
ITS ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR PRODUCER/EXPORTER
COUNTRIES OF METALS SOLD FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINIS-
TRATION (GSA) STOCKPILES. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT WILL BE DISPOSAL OF TUNGSTEN ORE AND CONCEN-
TRATES.

QUOTE. THE GSA IS PROPOSING TO SET THE LEVEL OF DISPOSAL
FOR TUNGSTEN FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976 (JULY 1, 1976 TO JUNE 30,
1977) AT 12-15 MILLION LBS. THIS COMPARES TO A DISPOSAL
PROGRAM OF 9.3 MILLION LBS IN FISCAL YEAR 1975.

QUOTE. ONE POINT WHICH SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, IS THAT
ACTUAL SALES DO NOT NECESSARILY REACH THE PROJECTED LEVEL
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OF DISPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE THE PROJECTED RATE OF

DISPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 WAS 9.3 MILLION LBS., ACTUAL SALES THROUGH MARCH 31, 1975 HAD ONLY AMOUNTED TO 3.9 MILLION LBS., LESS THAN ONE-HALF THE PROJECTED LEVEL. THIS

WAS DUE TO A FALL-OFF IN DEMAND FOR TUNGSTEN AT PRICES WHICH THE GSA WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT.

QUOTE. MAY I ASK YOUR EMBASSY TO REVIEW GSA'S PROPOSED DISPOSAL LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976 AND GIVE US YOUR GOVERNMENT'S COMMENTS. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE BY MAY 12, SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED DISPOSAL LEVEL TO THE GSA DURING THAT WEEK. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ANY TIME. UNQUOTE.

2. AS IN PAST YEARS, DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE VIEWS OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE EFFECT OF PROPOSED LEVEL OF DISPOSALS, INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING FORMAL RECOMMENDATION TO GSA. THAT RECOMMENDATION IS DUE MAY 15, THUS THE EARLY RESPONSE REQUESTED IN LETTER TO CAPRILES. ALTHOUGH WE HOPE PRIMARY CHANNEL FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY, GOB MAY CHOOSE TO SUBMIT ITS VIEWS TO EMBASSY LA PAZ. PLEASE TRANSMIT ANY GOB RESPONSES NO LATER THAN MAY 12 TO INSURE THEIR FULL CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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